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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7141

INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 621

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SUBJ: NIGER PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO COTONOU

1. NIGER PRES KOUNTCHE WITH AN ENTOURAGE OF 32 PERSONS

PAID DAHOMEAN PRES KEREKOU A FOUR-HOUR VISIT TODAY MAY 12

ENROUTE BACK TO NIAMEY FROM ACCRA. VISIT WAS ANNOUNCED

HERE ONLY TWO HOURS BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL.

2. IN RADIO INTERVIEW KOUNTCHE DESCRIBED COTONOU AS A

"TECHNICAL STOP," WHICH PERMITTED TWO PRESIDENTS TO DISCUSS

BILATERAL COOPERATION AND SET DOWN GENERAL LINES UNDER WHICH

TECHNICIANS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD WORK WITHIN THE JOINT

NIGER-DAHOMY COMMISSION ESTABLISHED LAST NOV. KOUNTCHE SAID

QUESTIONS RELATING TO COTONOU AIRPORT AND COTONOU-TO-NIAMEY "RAIL

AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE" ALSO DISCUSSED.

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3. COMMENT: SUSPECT ONE SUBJECT ON KOUNTCHE'S AGENDA WAS

NEED TO INCREASE RELIABILITY OF DAHOMEY'S COOPERATION RE
MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT ALONG NIGER'S RAIL-AND-ROAD LIFE-LINE
THROUGH DAHOMEY (SEE A-34)

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER AS SOON AS WE DIG OUT MORE PARTICULARS.
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